



Planning Commission

FINAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING March 4, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m

Location: South Berkeley Senior Center, Berkeley, CA

1. ROLL CALL:

Commissioners Present: Benjamin Beach (left at 9:15pm), Robb Kapla, Shane Krpata, Mary Kay Lacey, Steve Martinot, Christine Schildt (left at 9:15pm), Jeff Vincent, Brad Wiblin (arrived at 7:10), and Rob Wrenn.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Secretary Alene Pearson, Katrina Lapira, and Justin Horner.

2. **ORDER OF AGENDA:** No changes.

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** 0

4. PLANNING STAFF REPORT:

- ZORP Subcommittee Meeting - February 24, 2020
- JSISHL Commission Meeting - February 26, 2020
- Next Adeline Corridor Subcommittee Meeting - March 18, 2020
- Recommended Zoning Ordinance Amendments at City Council - March 24, 2020
- Next Planning Commission Meeting - April 1, 2020
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation in response to COVID- 19. Visit <https://www.cityofberkeley.info/coronavirus/> for most up-to-date information.

Information Items:

- Comprehensive Cannabis
 - City Council Meeting Annotated Agendas – January 28 + February 11, 2020
 - City Council Staff Report – January 28, 2020

Communications:

- February 6 – Dumler, Southside EIR
- February 13 – Gold, Parking Reform
- February 13 – Trauss, Southside EIR
- February 21 – Siegel, Parking Reform

- February 25 – Hyde- Wang, Parking Reform

Late Communications (Received after the Packet deadline): *None*.

- March 3 – UCB Democrats, Parking Reform

Late Communications (Received and distributed at the meeting):

- March 4 – Staff Presentation, Item 9
- March 4 – Staff Presentation, Item 10
- March 4 – Hansen, Parking Reform
- March 4 – Clarke, Parking Reform

5. CHAIR REPORT: *None*.

6. COMMITTEE REPORT: Reports by Commission committees or liaisons. In addition to the items below, additional matters may be reported at the meeting.

- Zoning Ordinance Revision Project (ZORP): February 24 meeting continued to a date to be determined in March.
- Joint Subcommittee for the Implementation of State Housing Laws (JSISHL): At the meeting on February 26, JSISHL discussed objective standards for shadows, design, and density.
- Adeline Corridor Specific Plan Subcommittee: The next meeting is on March 18.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion/Second/Carried (Krpata/Vincent) to approve the Planning Commission Meeting Minutes from February 5, 2020 with the discussed edits to Item 9 and Item 10.

Ayes: Beach, Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Martinot, Schildt, Vincent, Wrenn, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER PLANNING-RELATED EVENTS: To be discussed with Item 11.

AGENDA ITEMS

9. Action: **Public Hearing: Parking Reform**

Staff discussed proposed Zoning Ordinance amendments that eliminate parking requirements, establish parking maximums, establish transportation demand management (TDM) requirements, and codify bicycle parking requirements from the 2017 Berkeley Bicycle Plan. The Commission adopted the majority of the proposed draft Zoning Ordinance amendments with modifications noted in the motions. Planning Commission asked to revisit accessibility parking requirements at a future date.

Motion/Second/Carried (Wrenn/Vincent) to adopt proposed draft Zoning Ordinance amendments to eliminate parking minimums with modifications to 1) maintain off-street parking requirements for residential projects in the Hillside Overlay on roads less than 26 feet in width; and 2) provide an option to waive these requirements with the approval of an Administrative Use Permit if conditions outlined by the Fire Department are met.

Ayes: Beach, Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Martinot, Schildt, Vincent, Wrenn, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: None. (9-0-0-0)

Motion/Second/Carried (Vincent/Wrenn) to adopt proposed draft Zoning Ordinance amendments to implement parking maximums with modifications to 1) exempt projects with a majority of deed-restricted affordable units; and 2) exempt projects in the Hillside Overlay on streets that are less than 26 feet in width.

Ayes: Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Martinot, Vincent, Wrenn, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Beach and Schildt. (7-0-0-2)

Motion/Second/Carried (Wrenn/Kapla) to adopt proposed draft Zoning Ordinance amendments to implement transportation demand management (TDM) requirements with modifications to 1) require 1 monthly transit pass per bedroom, with a maximum of 2 passes for projects with less than 100 units; 2) require 1 transit pass per bedroom for projects with 100 units or more; and 3) exclude, in all zoning districts, new projects of 5 or more units from the Residential Preferential Parking (RPP) program.

Ayes: Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Martinot, Vincent, and Wrenn. Noes: Wiblin. Abstain: None. Absent: Beach and Schildt. (6-1-0-2)

Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla/Wiblin) to adopt proposed draft Zoning Ordinance amendments to accept technical edits and minor changes to the Variance Chapter.

Ayes: Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Martinot, Vincent, Wrenn, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None. Absent: Beach and Schildt. (7-0-0-2)

Public Comments: 8

10. Discussion: Planning Commission Workplan

Staff gave an overview of agenda materials.

Public Comments: 0

11. Discussion: May 20, 2020 Special Meeting

Planning Commission discussed potential dates for a Special Meeting to discuss the Adeline Corridor Specific Plan. Staff will poll Commissioners and announce final date via email.

Public Comments: 0

Motion/Second/Carried (Kapla/Wiblin) to close the public hearing at 10:17pm.

Ayes: Kapla, Krpata, Lacey, Martinot, Vincent, Wrenn, and Wiblin. Noes: None. Abstain: None.
Absent: Beach and Schildt. (7-0-0-2)

The meeting was adjourned at 10:33pm

Commissioners in attendance: 9

Members in the public in attendance: 13

Public Speakers: 8 speakers

Length of the meeting: 3 hours and 31 minutes

Alene Pearson

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Planning Commission Secretary

7/6/2020

Date